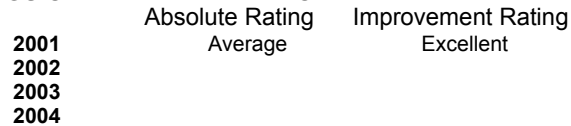


ABSOLUTE RATING: Average
IMPROVEMENT RATING: Excellent

Number of Elementary schools with students like ours: 83.

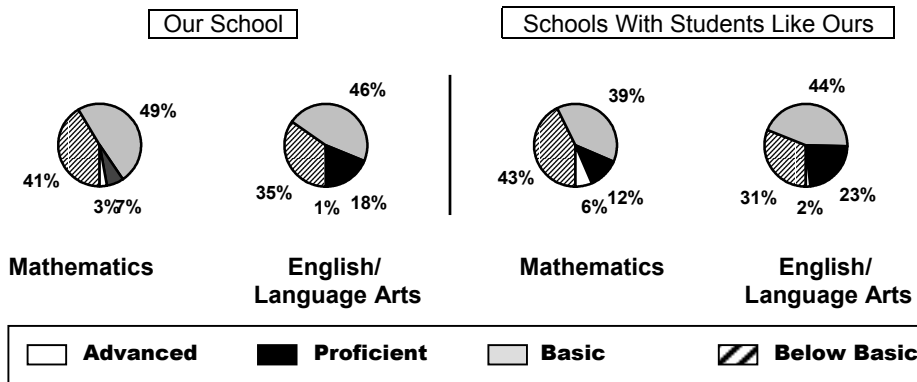
The absolute ratings for those schools ranged from unsatisfactory to good. For improvement ratings, the range was from unsatisfactory to excellent.

RATINGS OVER A 4-YEAR PERIOD



(Definitions of School Rating Terms on Page 4)

PALMETTO ACHIEVEMENT CHALLENGE TESTS (PACT) RESULTS



DEFINITIONS OF CRITICAL TERMS:

- Advanced** – Student performance exceeded expectations.
- Proficient** – Student performance met expectations.
- Basic** – Student performance met minimum performance expectations.
- Below Basic** – Student performance did not meet minimum performance expectations.

Science scores are to be reported on the 2004 School Report Card. Social studies scores are to be reported on the 2005 School Report Card.

| PERCENT OF STUDENTS SCORING BASIC OR ABOVE ON THE PACT | | | | |
|--|---------------------------|------|---------|-------------------|
| Student Group | English/ Language Arts | Math | Science | Social Studies |
| All students (n=213) | 65.3 | 58.7 | N/A | N/A |
| Students with disabilities other than Speech (n=27) | N/A | N/A | | |
| Students without disabilities (n=186) | 68.8 | 61.1 | | |
| Gender | | | | |
| Male (n=121) | 57 | 54.5 | | |
| Female (n=91) | 76.9 | 64.4 | | |
| Ethnic Group | | | | |
| African American (n=99) | 59.6 | 53.1 | | |
| Hispanic (n=6) | N/A | N/A | | |
| White (n=104) | 69.2 | 63.5 | | |
| Other (n=4) | N/A | N/A | | |
| Lunch Status Group | | | | |
| Free/reduced-price Lunch (n=150) | 58.7 | 54.4 | | |
| Pay for lunch (n=63) | 81 | 69.8 | | |

SCHOOL PROFILE

INDICATORS OF SCHOOL PERFORMANCE

| SCHOOL | Our School | Change From Last Year | Schools with Students like ours | Median Elementary School |
|---|------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| • Dollars spent per student | \$4,168 | N/A | \$5,524 | \$5,347 |
| • Prime instructional time | 90.5% | Up from 89.8% | 89.4% | 90.2% |
| • Student-teacher ratio in core subjects | 21 to 1 | N/A | 18.1 to 1 | 18.7 to 1 |
| STUDENTS (n=507) | | | | |
| • Attendance Rate | 96.5% | Up from 94.9% | 96% | 96.2% |
| • Students with disabilities other than speech taking PACT (ELA) off grade level | 5.6% | N/A | 6.3% | 4.1% |
| • Students with disabilities other than speech taking PACT (math) off grade level | 5.7% | N/A | 5.2% | 3.1% |
| • First graders who attended full day kindergarten | 91.6% | Down from 93.9% | 96.7% | 96.3% |
| • Meeting grade 1 and 2 readiness standards | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| • Retention rate | 6.3% | No change | 4.5% | 3.6% |
| TEACHERS (n=39) | | | | |
| • Professional Development days per teacher | 9.7 Days | Up from 7.1 | 7.9 Days | 7.6 days |
| • Attendance Rate | 95.5% | Down from 95.9% | 94.7% | 95.1% |
| • Teachers with advanced degrees | 35.9% | Up from 35% | 42.1% | 47.7% |
| • Continuing contract teachers | 64.1% | Down from 68.3% | 80.6% | 83.8% |
| • Teachers with out-of-field permits | 0% | No change | 0% | 0.0% |
| • Teachers returning from the previous school year | 77.7% | Down from 84.6% | 86.3% | 87.2% |
| • Average teacher salary | \$33,278 | Up 5.7% | \$36,588 | \$37,520 |

SCHOOL FACTS

| | Our School | Change From Last Year | Schools with Students like ours | Median Elementary School |
|---|------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| SCHOOL | | | | |
| • Percentage of expenditures spent on teacher salaries | 76% | N/A | 64.5% | 65.3% |
| • Principal's years at the school | 9 | N/A | 3 | 4.0 |
| • Parents attending conferences | 29.5% | N/A | 95.7% | 95.6% |
| • Opportunities in the arts | Fair | N/A | Good | Good |
| STUDENTS | | | | |
| • On academic plans | N/A | N/A | 51.9% | 43.1% |
| • On academic probation | N/A | N/A | 0% | 0.0% |
| • Older than usual for grade | 3.2% | Up from 0% | 1.6% | 1.1% |
| • Suspended or expelled | 105 | N/A | 2 | 1 |
| • Gifted and talented | 5.7% | Up from 3.1% | 7.8% | 11.5% |
| • With disabilities other than speech | 7.7% | Up from 6.3% | 8.9% | 8.4% |



PRINCIPAL'S / SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL REPORT

As a member of the Accelerated School Project, the staff of Ladson Elementary School is unified in their commitment to the success of each child. We strive to meet our improvement goals of increasing annually the number of students scoring at the proficient and advanced levels on the PACT by 5% and decreasing by 10% the number of students scoring below basic. By emphasizing the basic skills as the foundation for problem-solving and critical thinking, the number of students scoring at basic level or above has increased in 2000 by 2.2% in language arts and by 6.2% in math. We base our strategies and programs on the needs of our students by examining relative data and researching best practices, as well as on state and local initiatives. All of our lessons are based on the S.C. Curriculum Standards.

Our staff is receiving ongoing training on how to integrate the curriculum standards, how to assess at higher levels of thinking, inquiry, literacy and effective strategies to use in teaching reading and math.

Due to the excitement and chaos caused by our two-year renovation, we have chosen "Building: Old to New" as our year-long theme, seeking to make each aspect of our renewal process a true powerful learning experience for all of us. We need the strength of your human and material resources to help us meet our goals: join PTA, visit our school, volunteer! Please read to your children every night and help them practice math facts. Encourage your child to accept responsibility for his choices, both good ones and poor ones. Let us know how we are meeting your needs and expectations. Join us in doing our "personal best" to create a learning community for everyone in our Ladson family.

Roberta N. Papineau, Principal

EVALUATIONS BY TEACHERS AND STUDENTS

| Percent | Teachers | Students | Parents |
|--|----------|----------|---------------|
| Satisfied with learning environment | 66.7 | 68.4 | (Avail. 2002) |
| Satisfied with social and physical environment | 53.1 | 63.2 | |
| Satisfied with home-school relations | 18.8 | 73.7 | |

DEFINITIONS OF SCHOOL RATING TERMS

Excellent – School performance substantially exceeds the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

Good – School performance exceeds the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

Average – School performance meets the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

Below Average – School is in jeopardy of not meeting the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

Unsatisfactory – School performance fails to meet the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

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Grades PRE-K K-6 Elementary School

Enrollment: 507 Students

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THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

Annual School
Report Card

2001

School Grade:
Excellent

South Carolina Performance Goal:

By 2010, South Carolina's student achievement will be ranked in the top half of the states nationally. To achieve this goal, we must become one of the five fastest improving systems in the country.

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